



DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR Frederick County

Located at 100 West Patrick St, Frederick, Maryland 21701

Case No. D-111-CR-23-000893

STATE OF MARYLAND

VS.

PHOENIX, CHELSEA ELIZABETH

214 RABBITT ROAD
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20878-0000

CC#: 23-060879 Tracking No: 231001221592

Home phone: 240-672-8769 Cellphone: 240-672-8769

Charge | Statute | Arrest

SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE | CR 3 307 |

Charge | Statute | Arrest.

RAPE SECOND DEGREE | CR 3 304 |

Date: 06/06/2023

ARREST WARRANT

Warrant Control No. D220375805

STATE OF MARYLAND, Frederick County

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER:

An order of the court was entered on 06/06/2023, ordering the arrest of PHOENIX, CHELSEA ELIZABETH to be brought before this court for an Initial Appearance.

YOU ARE ORDERED to immediately arrest the above-named person who resides or may be located at:
214 RABBITT ROAD, GAITHERSBURG, MD 208780000.

IF THE DEFENDANT IS NOT IN CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER OFFENSE,

Initial appearance is to be held in county in which defendant is arrested.

YOU ARE FURTHER DIRECTED:

to immediately take this person before a judicial officer of the District Court; or if the warrant so specifies, before a judicial officer of the circuit court. An appearance by video satisfies the requirements of this directive.

to hold this person at _____ pending their appearance in the above-named court on the first sitting of the court following their apprehension.

IF THE DEFENDANT IS IN CUSTODY FOR ANOTHER OFFENSE, this warrant is to be lodged as a detainer for the continued detention of the defendant for the offense charged in the charging document. When the defendant is served with a copy of the charging document and warrant, the defendant shall be taken before a judicial officer of the district court; or if the warrant so specifies, before a judicial officer of the circuit court.

_____ *Specify other directions as needed*

LOCAL DETENTION CENTER, JAIL OR BOOKING FACILITY: YOU ARE ORDERED to:

Receive from any officer the body of the above-named defendant who is COMMITTED TO YOUR CUSTODY.

Transfer the defendant to: _____ *Facility Name and Address*

The defendant, once transferred, shall be taken without unnecessary delay before this court during the next session to answer these charges.

Date: 06/06/2023 Time: 5:50 PM

M. Friedberg B087

ID: B087

Judge/Commissioner/Clerk of the Circuit Court COMMISSIONER

Description: Driver's License #

Race: W Sex: F Ht: 0' 00" Wt: 0 Hair: Eyes:

DOB: 01/25/2005 FBI #

SID# SSN _____

Complexion _____ Tattoos, Marks, Scars _____

Other _____

Given to Law Enforcement Agency: FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT

RETURN OF SERVICE

I certify that at _____ M on _____ at _____
Time _____, *Date* _____, I executed this arrest warrant by arresting the person named above
Place _____

and delivered a copy of the arrest warrant to them.

I left a copy of the warrant and charging document as a detainer for the continued detention of the person named above at: _____

Detention Facility

Address

Signature of Peace Officer

Title

Agency

Sub-Agency

ID Number



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COMPLAINANT:

Officer: DFC. ABBASIAN
Agency/Subagency: ZJ 10
Officer ID: 0558

214 RABBITT ROAD
GAIITHERSBURG, MD 20878

CC#: 23-060879

SID:

FBI#:

LID:

DL#:

Race: W Sex: F Ht: Wt: Hair: Eyes:
DOB: 01/25/2005 Home phone: 240-672-8769 Cellphone: 240-672-8769

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

UPON THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION OF Officer: DFC. ABBASIAN IT IS FORMALLY CHARGED THAT PHOENIX, CHELSEA ELIZABETH at the dates, times and locations specified below:

NUM	CHG/CIT	STATUTE	PENALTY	DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARGE
001	2 1103	CR 3 304	20 Y	RAPE SECOND DEGREE On or About 05/28/2023 6319 CLARIDGE DRIVE SOUTH, FREDERICK, FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND ...did unlawfully commit a rape in the second degree upon AUSTIN JAMES WELLING {DOB: 02/27/2011}, in violation of CR 3-304 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
002	3 3600	CR 3 307	10 Y	SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE On or About 05/28/2023 6319 CLARIDGE DRIVE SOUTH, FREDERICK, FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND ...did unlawfully commit a sexual offense in the third degree upon AUSTIN JAMES WELLING {DOB: 02/27/2011} in violation of CR 3-307 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.


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RELATED CASES:

**COMPLAINANT****DEFENDANT**

DFC. Abbasian
 Printed Name
 110 Airport Dr. E.
 Address
 Frederick, MD, 21701 (301) 600-1046
 City, State, Zip Telephone
 FCSO, ZJ-10, #0558
 Agency, Sub-agency, and ID. # (Officer Only)

Phoenix, Chelsea Elizabeth
 Printed Name
 214 Rabbitt Road
 Address
 Gaithersburg, MD, 20878 (240) 672-8769
 City, State, Zip Telephone
 CC# 2023-060879

DEFENDANT'S DESCRIPTION: Driver's License # Sex W Race F Ht Wt
 Hair Eyes Complexion Other DOB 01/25/2005 ID

APPLICATION FOR STATEMENT OF CHARGES

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(Include a statement of facts within your personal knowledge (what you saw or heard, what someone said to you, etc.) showing that there is probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed and that the defendant has committed it. Please see the "NOTICE TO APPLICANT FOR A CHARGING DOCUMENT" for further information.)

I, the undersigned, apply for a statement of charges and a summons or warrant which may lead to the arrest of the above named defendant because on or about May 28, 2023 at 6319 Claridge Drive South, Frederick MD 21701 Date Place , the above named defendant

— SEE ATTACHED —

(Continued on attached 5 pages) (DC-CR-001A)

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

06/06/2023 Date

Officer's Signature
 Detective Takin Abbasian

Printed Name

I have read or had read to me and I understand the notice on the back of this form.

06/06/2023 Date

Applicant's Signature
 Detective Takin Abbasian

Printed Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me 6/6/23 at 5:07 AM PM

Date Time AM PM

Judge/Commissioner

M. FRIEDBERG B0877

COMMISSIONER ID Number

I understand that a charging document will be issued and that I must appear for trial on _____ at _____, when notified by the clerk, at the court location shown at the top of this form. Date Time

Applicant's Signature

The applicant requests reasonable protection for safety of the alleged victim or the victim's family:

(Describe)

- I have advised applicant of the right to request shielding. The applicant declines shielding.
 I declined to issue a charging document because of lack of probable cause.

Date

Commissioner

ID Number



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On June 02, 2023, I Detective Abbasian was assigned this case, I read the initial report written by Deputy Phillips which states:

"All events were captured on Deputy Phillips' BWC.

On 05/31/2023 at approximately 2310 hours, Deputy Phillips responded to the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center for a late reported rape/sex offense that occurred at 6319 Claridge Drive South Frederick, Maryland 21701.

Upon arrival, Deputy Phillips met with the complainants who identified themselves as Jeffrey Glenn Phoenix DOB: 05/11/1978 and Jennifer Marie Welling DOB: 08/05/1981. Jeffrey and Jennifer advised they are currently engaged to be married and recently discovered that Jeffrey's adopted daughter [Chelsea Elizabeth Phoenix DOB: 01/25/2005; 18 YOA] had sexual intercourse with Jennifer's son [Austin James Welling DOB: 02/27/2011; 12 YOA]. Jeffrey and Jennifer advised the incident occurred sometime between 05/28/2023 during the morning hours and 05/29/2023 to the afternoon hours. The exact time frame is unknown at this time. Jeffrey noted that Chelsea had a history of sexual abuse from her biological parents while she was growing up and always congregated/talked to males much younger than her.

Jeffrey advised that Chelsea was acting out of the ordinary on the evening hours of 05/31/2023 and Jeffrey asked Chelsea to give him her cell phone. Jeffrey looked through Chelsea's cell phone and noticed that Chelsea was speaking to her friends on Snapchat and Instagram about having sexual intercourse with an unnamed male. Jeffrey further examined Chelsea's Snapchat/Notes application and he discovered a message written by Chelsea to Austin indicating that they are going to become siblings soon and that they can still "cuddle, kiss, and hold hands", but they "don't have to have sex again". Jeffrey later sent all screenshots of these conversations to Deputy Phillips via Axon Evidence.

Jennifer advised she was home when the incident occurred, however, was unaware that Austin and Chelsea had sexual intercourse until she spoke with Jeffrey about the messages he found on Chelsea's cell phone. After Jennifer confirmed the above events with Jeffrey, Jennifer contacted Austin via telephone on 05/31/2023 at approximately 2045 hours and asked him if he and Chelsea had sexual intercourse. Jennifer advised Austin was initially hesitant to answer her question but ultimately admitted to having sexual intercourse with Chelsea.

After Deputy Phillips obtained the preliminary information, Jeffrey advised that Chelsea had been hospitalized for a suicide attempt by the Gaithersburg Police Department during the evening of 05/31/2023 [Gaithersburg Police Department case number: 230026192] and was not currently in Frederick County. Jennifer advised her other children were at her residence and being monitored by her ex-husband while she came to make the report to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. Jennifer advised she doesn't believe her other children witnessed any sexual activity between Austin and Chelsea. See below for full names of the other children.

CHILDREN WHO RESIDE AT JENNIFER'S RESIDENCE:

- Charlotte Noelle Welling DOB: 06/23/2018; Spring Ridge Elementary School
- Bryce Andrew Welling DOB: 08/22/2013; Spring Ridge Elementary School

Additionally, Deputy Phillips obtained social media screen name information for Austin and Chelsea. See below for further.

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SNAPCHAT:

Austin: "welling2023"

Chelsea: "chelseaphoenix" and "chelsea_phoen23"

INSTAGRAM:

Chelsea: "chelseaphochnix"

At the time of this report, Austin had not been to the hospital for a forensic examination. Deputy Phillips explained the process to go to the hospital for a forensic examination. Deputy Phillips provided Jeffrey and Jennifer with her contact information and corresponding case number.

Deputy Phillips notified Corporal Brady of the incident. Nothing further from this Deputy.

All events occurred in Frederick County, Maryland"

I also observed all screenshots sent to Deputy Phillips. These messages were taken by Jeffrey off Chelsea's phone and given to Deputy Phillips. These messages state:

Messages to an "Alon Monti" appears to be Instagram messenger:

"i took a guys virginity on Sunday we were just cuddling on the couch and then started making out and then he was like come to the bathroom and i was like "are u sure" and he was like hell yeah"

Messages to a "David Meldorf" appears to be Instagram Messenger:

Chelsea: "guess what"

David: "What's up"

Chelsea: "I took a guys virginity yesterday"

Messages to a "wildth0tz_" appears to be Instagram Messenger:

Chlesa: "guess what I took a guys virginity! We were on the couch in his basement making out and stuff and then he asked me to go to the bathroom with him and then we fucked"

"wildth0tz_": "Omg He gon be stuck on u"

Chelsea: "oh and he even ykw inside me thank goodness I'm on birth control".

Snapchat message to Austin, this message is a screenshot from Chelsea's notes application and sent to Austin:

"Listen I know we're going to be siblings. I also know you only see me as a sister. I want you to stop seeing me that way until our parents get married. What happened between us is our business and I don't want it to end yet. We don't have to have sex again. I wanna cuddle, kiss you, and still hold your hand whenever we watch a movie. But once they get married we won't do it anymore".

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I then contacted Chelsea's father, Jeffrey. He stated that Chelsea was not admitted to the hospital and that she was not back at the residence. He stated that Chelsea is currently staying with a friend, I asked Jeffery if he still has her cell phone. He stated that he does, but that she has logged into her Instagram account and deleted all her messages. Jeffrey stated that all conversations about this incident, he had already provided to Deputy Phillips. Jeffrey also advised that Austin did go to FHH and get a forensic exam.

I then contacted Jennifer, she confirmed that she wished a forensic interview be conducted. She also stated that she obtained a protective order against Chelsea (June 2, 2023). Jennifer did state that Austin may have additional text messages on his phone with Chelsea, she would double check and let me know at a later time.

I completed a forensic interview request form, as well as CPS intake for this case. CPS worker Shannon Pulsipher is assigned this case, and a Forensic Interview was scheduled for June 05, 2023, at 1400 hours.

I went to FHH and took custody of the forensic exam charts. The narrative attached to this exam states:

"6/1/2023

1500

Patient brought to ED by mother on advisement of police after reported sexual assault. Patient states to this FNE (without parent present) "We were in the basement or whatever and my mom was cleaning and my dad was outside pressure washing. My step sister started asking me the questions, one thing led to another and we were, you know". When asked for clarification, patient states "she asked if I wanted to go in the bathroom and do it so we did." Patient endorses penile/vaginal intercourse with ejaculation. Patient states "I didn't really want to".

End of FHH narrative.

The full exam packet is attached into SAFF as evidence.

I will be attempting to obtain the Gaithersburg Police report for Chelsea being emergency petitioned, as well as the body camera footage associated with the incident.

Gaithersburg Police Reports Received:

On Monday, June 5, 2023, I Detective Abbasian received the related Gaithersburg police reports for this case.

Under Report# 230026192, Officer Andrew Brehm ID#7872 wrote a Police Information report stating:

"On May 31, 2023 at approximately 2100 hours SGT Jones responded to 214 Rabbit Road for a follow up with an incident that occurred in Frederick Maryland at 6319 Claridge Drive South Frederick Md 21701.

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SGT Jones met with Jeff Phoenix and Jennifer Welling. Jeff and Jennifer are engaged, both have kids from their prior marriage, none together. Jeff and Jennifer advised SGT Jones of the following:

On the weekend of May 27-28, Jennifer allowed Jeff's daughter, Chelsea Phoenix, to spend the night with her and her kids at the Claridge Drive address in Frederick. At some point during the weekend, Chelsea and Jennifer's son, Austin Welling, had intercourse in the bathroom.

On May 31, 2023 sometime during the day, Jeff got Chelsea's phone and found text messages and snapchats talking about the incident between Chelsea and Austin. During the evening hours, both Jeff and Jennifer confronted the kids about the event. Jeff also contacted SGT Jones, a family friend, to come and assist talking to the kids. While SGT Jones was talking to Jeff and Jennifer, Chelsea went inside retrieved a shaving razor and came back outside emotional and proceeded to cut her wrist. (EEP report 230026191)"

Under Report# 230026191, there was no report written. I was provided CAD notes from this call that did show officers responded to that address for an adult female attempting suicide using a razor.

Both CAD notes and the police report is attached in leads.

CAC Forensic Interview:

On June 05, 2023, I attended the forensic interview with Austin. This interview was conducted at the Frederick Child Advocacy Center and completed by Meghan McGowan. This interview was recorded on audio and video, the full interview was provided to me.

Austin appeared to be uncomfortable speaking about this incident throughout the entire interview, in this interview he discloses that his soon to be stepsister, Chelsea Phoenix. Who he identified to be 18 years old, and him (12 years old) had sexual intercourse at his residence in Frederick (6319 Claridge Drive South).

Austin disclosed that he was in the basement of his house when Chelsea came downstairs. Chelsea wrote on her Notes application if Austin wished to date her. Austin stated that he initially said no, but she was persistent in asking. Austin stated he didn't want to make her feel bad, so he said yes. When asked how the kissing started, Austin stated that Chelsea said that is what boyfriend and girlfriends do, then they started kissing. Austin stated they only kissed on the lips.

Austin stated that he asked Chelsea if she wanted to go to the bathroom, and she agreed. Austin stated he went into the bathroom first, then approximately six minutes later Chelsea enters the bathroom. Once in the bathroom, Austin stated him, and Chelsea started kissing again. Austin stated that he started touching Chelsea on her chest, and that he started getting thoughts in his head. Austin stated that Chelsea pulled down his shorts, took off her clothes and then they had "sex". Austin was asked what he meant by "sex", and he stated that they were "fucking each other". Austin stated that he did ejaculate while him and Chelsea were having sex.

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After they were finished, Austin stated he went to his room because he didn't feel good. Austin stated that he saw Chelsea as a sister, but that she didn't see him as a brother. After some time, Chelsea then goes into Austins room and Austin discloses that they kissed twice in his bedroom.

After the interview I spoke with Austins mother, Jennifer. She stated that Chelsea's father still has her phone and that he sees on her phone Chelsea speaking to a fifteen-year-old, arranging a meetup to have sexual intercourse. Jennifer stated in these messages the juvenile male discloses that he is fifteen, and Chelsea states that is okay with her. Jennifer made it clear to me that she is concerned Chelsea will continue to solicit sexual intercourse from juveniles. I referred Jennifer to the Montgomery County Police. Jennifer again confirmed to me that Chelsea is not allowed back home in Gaithersburg and is concerned that she will be a flight risk. Jennifer also stated that messages relevant to this investigation on Austin's phone, had since been deleted.

After consulting with the Frederick State's Attorney's office and based on all the facts and information in this case, I Detective Abbasian respectfully request that Chelsea Elizabeth Phoenix, be charged with:

CR 3-304 *2_1103* **RAPE SECOND DEGREE**
 CR 3-307 *3_3600* **SEX OFFENSE THIRD DEGREE**
 CR 3-602(b)(2) *1_0922* **SEX ABUSE MINOR**

All the above events did occur in Frederick County, Maryland

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NOTICE OF ADVICE OF RIGHT TO COUNSEL FOR ALL JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

TO THE PERSON CHARGED:

1. This paper charges you with committing a crime.
2. If you have been arrested and remain in custody, you have the right to have a judicial officer decide whether you should be released from jail until your trial.
3. If you have been served with a citation or summons directing you to appear before a judicial officer for a preliminary inquiry at a date and time designated or within five days of service if no time is designated, a judicial officer will advise you of your rights, the charges against you, and penalties. The preliminary inquiry will be cancelled if a lawyer has entered an appearance to represent you.
4. You have the right to have a lawyer.
5. A lawyer can be helpful to you by:
 - (A) explaining the charges in this paper;
 - (B) telling you the possible penalties;
 - (C) explaining any potential collateral consequences of a conviction, including immigration consequences;
 - (D) helping you at trial;
 - (E) helping you protect your constitutional rights; and
 - (F) helping you to get a fair penalty if convicted.
6. Even if you plan to plead guilty, a lawyer can be helpful.
7. If you are eligible, the Public Defender or a court-appointed attorney will represent you at any initial appearance before a judicial officer and at any proceeding under Rule 4-216.2 to review an order of a District Court commissioner regarding pretrial release. If you want a lawyer for any further proceeding, including trial, but do not have the money to hire one, the Public Defender may provide a lawyer for you. To apply for Public Defender representation, contact a District Court commissioner.
8. If you want a lawyer but you cannot get one and the Public Defender will not provide one for you, contact the court clerk as soon as possible.
9. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DATE OF YOUR TRIAL TO GET A LAWYER.** If you do not have a lawyer before the trial date, you may have to go to trial without one.

Contact information for District Court Commissioner's Offices can be found at:

<http://www.mdcourts.gov/district/directories/commissionermap.html>

If you require further information about qualifying for a Public Defender, call 1-833-453-9799.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

1. **MUST APPEAR** - If the offense with which you are charged is a 'MUST APPEAR' offense, you may not waive trial but are required to appear in court when notified. Drivers who receive payable citations included with a "Must Appear" citation automatically will receive a trial date notice for all citations. PLEASE NOTE THAT FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST.
2. **PRESET FINE** - If ALL of your charges are marked "Payable", you must comply with one of the following within 30 days after receipt of the citation/summons.

OPTION #1 - Pay the full amount of the preset fine for each violation.

OPTION #2 - Request a waiver hearing regarding sentencing and disposition instead of trial - Plead Guilty With an Explanation. Do not send payment.

OPTION #3 - Request a trial date, time, and place established by the District Court of Maryland by writ or trial notice. Do not send payment.

Please note that payment of the preset fine will result in conviction for the offense(s) charged being entered against you and the case being closed. Please note further that points will be assessed by MVA on your driving record after conviction of a violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws of this State. Failure to pay the preset fine or to appear at trial, after notice, will result in the suspension of your driving privileges by the Motor Vehicle Administration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PAY CITATIONS:

Visit the MD Judiciary Website at www.mdcourts.gov/district or call the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System for trial dates, court locations, and directions.

From all areas including out-of-state calls: 1-800-492-2656
TTY users call Maryland RELAY: 711

I have read or have had read to me the contents of the above notice and acknowledge receipt of a copy thereof.

Date	Defendant	Date	Judge/Commissioner
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The attached papers charge you with committing a crime. Depending on the crime charged, a jail sentence could be imposed by the court if you are found guilty. You have a right to be represented at trial by a lawyer. ACT IMMEDIATELY to obtain a lawyer. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may apply for the Public Defender through the District Court Commissioner who will determine if you are eligible for the Public Defender to represent you at trial. If you wait too long to retain the Public Defender or private counsel you can be made to stand trial without a lawyer. Applications are accepted at any District Court Commissioner's Office during operating hours. Please contact the office listed below for operating hours:

District Court Commissioner Station for Frederick County
7300 MARCIE'S CHOICE LANE
Frederick, MD 21704
I-833-453-9799

You should bring the following papers to apply for the Public Defender's services:

1. Court charging documents/traffic tickets. (Statement of Charges/all documents issued to you by court).
2. Trial date notices from the court. (You may apply even if no trial date has been received.)
3. If you are employed:
Written proof of salary, pay stubs, or other written verification of income for the last two pay periods.
4. If you are unemployed:
Proof of public assistance, medical assistance, Social Security or
Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or other assistance you are receiving.

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IMPORTANT

IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AT TRIAL, YOU WILL RECEIVE A FINAL QUALIFICATION IN WRITING.
ONCE YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE FINAL QUALIFICATION, ALL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE:

The address of the Public Defender is: **COURTHOUSE**

100 WEST PATRICK STREET
FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21701

Their telephone number is: **301-600-1988**

The Office of the Public Defender is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

I have read, or have had read to me, the contents of the above notice and acknowledge receipt of a copy thereof.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER ON THE TRIAL DATE, YOU MAY
HAVE TO GO TO TRIAL WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF A LAWYER.**